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### **Mayor Mallory and Chief Streicher Attend National Violent Crime Summit**

Washington DC – Mayor Mark Mallory and Cincinnati Police Chief Tom Streicher attended an all day National Violent Crime Summit in Washington DC on Wednesday. The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) planned the summit in response to the nationwide increase in violent crime in urban cities. The conference was designed to bring attention to this emerging national issue, identify national trends, explore potential root causes, and develop model strategies to address the issue.

“Cities across the country are experiencing problems similar to what we are seeing here in Cincinnati. This summit was an opportunity to put our heads together and compare information about what is working and what is not,” Mayor Mallory said. “There was a lot of agreement that we needed to call on the federal government to help urban cities with additional funding, and to allow more latitude with how Homeland Security Funding can be used.”

The morning focused on an examination of national trends in violent crime, including specific information about where crime is increasing. The afternoon featured a facilitated national discussion on promising approaches and strategies to reducing violent crime. In addition, the Summit included keynote addresses by Harvard Criminologist, Dr. Anthony Braga, and Deputy US Attorney General, Paul McNulty.

“It was an excellent opportunity for us to exchange information with Mayors and Police chiefs across the country,” Cincinnati Police Chief Tom Streicher said. “The rise in violent crime that we have seen in Cincinnati has been seen in almost every city across the country. We are encouraged that our situation is at the low end of the tide. I think that we can still safely say that we are one of the safest major cities in the United States.”

Mayors in attendance included the Mayors of Youngtown, Ohio; Trenton, New Jersey; Chicago, Illinois; Alexandria, Virginia; Charleston, South Carolina; Detroit, Michigan; Dearborn, Michigan; Flint, Michigan; West Palm Beach, Florida; Louisville, Kentucky; Miami, Florida; Savannah, Georgia; and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

According to the FBI, in 2005, cities across the nation have reported increases in almost all categories of major violent crime, including an almost 5% increase in homicides nationwide. The increase comes after nearly a decade of steady decline in violent crime. In addition, many of the Mayors in attendance reported that crime statistics in their cities were on pace to surpass the elevated 2005 numbers.

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) is a national membership organization of progressive police executives from the largest city, county, and state law enforcement agencies dedicated to improving policing and advancing professionalism through research and involvement in public policy debate.

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